

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 8-10, 12-17 and 19-20 are pending in the application, with claims 8 and 15 being independent. No claims are amended. Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are canceled.

Allowed Subject Matter

In the pending Action, the Office allows claims 8-10, 12-17, 19 and 20. Applicant sincerely thanks the Office for this indication of allowed subject matter and herein cancels all non-allowed claims, thus placing the application in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections under §103(a)

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent 6,535,920 (hereinafter “Parry”) in view of U.S. Patent 6,310,889 (hereinafter “Parson”).

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent 7,047,554 (hereinafter “Lortz”) in view of Parson.

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent 6,088,018 (hereinafter “DeLeeuw”) in view of Parson.

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. Nevertheless, for the sole purpose of expediting allowance and without conceding the propriety of the Office's rejections, Applicant has canceled claims 1-3 and 5-7. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the outstanding §103(a) rejections are moot. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims stand allowable.

Conclusion

All of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests a Notice of Allowability be issued forthwith. If the Office's next anticipated action is to be anything other than issuance of a Notice of Allowability, **Applicant respectfully requests a call to discuss any remaining issues.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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